

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (New): A storage compartment integrated into a chair having a panel acting as a backrest or footrest, the panel having an opening extending therethrough, the storage compartment comprising:

a main body having a concave interior surface and a periphery attached to a rear surface of the panel about the backrest opening to define a storage compartment cavity; and

a flap attached to an upper surface of the panel, at least a portion of the flap incorporating releasable attachment means for enabling selective covering of the storage compartment cavity to form an interior storage space.

Claim 11 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 10, wherein the main body is particularly sized and shaped to comfortably accommodate a woman's breasts when the flap is in an opened position.

Claim 12 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 11, wherein the main body has an interior surface generally shaped to complement the corresponding general anatomical shape of a woman's breasts.

Claim 13 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 10, wherein the main body and flap are constructed from a flexible fabric.

Claim 14 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 13, wherein said flexible fabric further comprises one of a natural fiber, a synthetic fiber, and a blended fabric.

Claim 15 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 13, wherein said flexible fabric further comprises netting.

Claim 16 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 13, wherein said flexible fabric further comprises a resilient fabric.

Claim 17 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 10, wherein the periphery of the storage compartment main body is stitched directly to the backrest of said chair.

Claim 18 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 10, wherein the storage compartment flap has a portion of its periphery permanently stitched to the upper surface of the panel, the flap further comprising releasable attachment means disposed along at least a portion of its periphery for cooperating with corresponding releasable attachment means disposed on the upper surface of said panel.

Claim 19 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 18, wherein said releasable attachment means further comprises one half of a hook-and-loop fastener system disposed on said flap and the other half of the hook-and-loop fastener system disposed on the upper surface of the chair panel.

Claim 20 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 18, wherein said releasable attachment means further comprise mechanical snaps.

Claim 21 (New): A storage compartment as recited in claim 10, wherein said flap is configured such that said flap lies substantially flush with the front surface of said panel when the flap is in a closed position.